



Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity SFO

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Being trapped in the house with the cold weather made me do some much needed reflection!

St. Francis was devoted to the gospel and as Franciscans we are people of the gospel. There is an old saying "Scripture gives comfort to the aggrieved and aggrieves the comfortable." St. Francis truly believed and lived this and referred his brothers continually to the gospel as a base. We Franciscans need to make room each day for personal reflection using scripture as a springboard.

In scripture meditation try to put yourself in the story. Begin by asking yourself how you might have reacted to Jesus if you were in the crowd or living in the town. Would you have looked upon Him as the "young man down the street" who is now a little idealistic and just needs to "get with it"? Or would you have said, "Wow, this is great news. Tell me more so I can really understand and follow you." Would you have begun to be a Jesus follower or would you have just shaken your head and walked away. Be honest!

Sometimes it is easy to walk away because we do not want to be "aggrieved" by the scripture we have read. We tell Jesus He just doesn't understand when He is asking for change. Changing makes us feel uncomfortable and at times anxious. We try to tell Him that He asks too much of us in this change. However, the truth is we have become quite comfortable in our faults and faulty thinking.

Our anxiety comes from breaking out of our comfort zone. It is easy to avoid the tough calls Christ asks of us by retreating to our comfortable mind set in what we are about. Yet Christ tells us that His love is always present to help us overcome our "comfort zone."

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and our Divine Valentine is eternally with us to help us tackle our faults and seek to understand His will for us. He is the eternal gift of love for each of us always.

*Pax Bonum
Chris Wells, Minister*

Pastoral Visit:

At our February meeting we will host Father Timothy Harris, TOR for a Pastoral Visit. He will be with us during the meeting and Formation and will also be available for anyone who would like to meet with him privately. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting and welcome Fr. Timothy.

Agenda:

- 12:30 Formation Inquirers and Candidates*
- 1:00 Gathering*
- 1:30 Opening prayers, Introduction of Fr. Timothy, meditation from Sr. Agnes*
- 2:00 Formation*
- 3:00 Remarks from Fr. Timothy*
- 3:30 Business meeting*
- 4:00 Liturgy of the Hours evening prayer*
- Closing prayer and fellowship*

Franciscan Anniversaries:

We have several brothers and sisters who are celebrating anniversaries of profession this year.

35 years Carol Murphy

25 years Susan James
Denny Thiel

15 years Ken Holt

10 years Carol Folsom

Please keep them in your prayers during this year as we celebrate their Franciscan life with them!

Council Meeting :

The Council will meet on Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 at St. Michael's Place.

Webcast with Fr. Richard Rohr:

*Fr. Richard will be presenting a webcast on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 pm entitled Meeting the St. Paul You Never Knew. We will show it at St. Michael's Place that evening. If you are interested in joining us please let Chris know ernietimew@gmail.com Since there is a charge for registration you must **let us know by February 20** you will be joining us. If you prefer to watch at home the website is cac.org*

Mathew Kelly at St. Bede's

Noted author and speaker Mathew Kelly will speak at St. Bede's on the topic Passion and Purpose Live on Friday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$39.00 per person. Tickets are needed and can be purchased at www.dynamiccatholic.com

Weekend of Recollection:

St. Joan of Arc Parish is hosting a weekend of spirituality on April 4 and 5. The guest speaker will be Ruanda who has also appeared on public television. For more information please contact St. Joan of Arc Parish.

Bring Your Change:

Please remember to bring your loose change for our collection to purchase items for the overseas mission. Thank you, Carol Murphy for chairing this!

Peninsula Pet Pantry:

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pet owners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom carolfolsom@cox.net

Prayer List:

- Joan Buehler, SFO
- Marlin Massey and Massey family
- Healing for Glenn, SFO and Margaret Davis
- PFC Joey recovering from serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan
- People suffering from the weather
- Our Fraternity
- Our Anniversarians
- Our Franciscan Family
- Those who have no one to pray for them
- The unspoken intentions of our hearts

February Dates To Remember:

- 2 Presentation (Candlemas Day)
- 3 St. Blaise
- 4 St. Joseph of Leonissa
- 6 Sts. Paul Miki and Companions
- 7 St. Colette
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 19 St. Conrad of Piacenza
- 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

